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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT (37 C.F.R. § 1.97(c))

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Dear Sir:

With regard to the above-identified application, the items of information listed on the enclosed Form 1449 are brought to the attention of the Examiner.

This statement should be considered because it is submitted within three months of the filing date of the above-identified application, which is not an application under 37 C.F.R. §1.53(d). Accordingly, no fee is due for consideration of the items listed on the enclosed Form 1449.

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.98(a)(2), a copy of all foreign document or other information listed on the enclosed Form 1449 is provided. Since this application is being filed after June 30, 2003, copies of US references are not enclosed herewith.

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Applicants respectfully bring to the Examiner's attention that the references listed on the enclosed Form 1449 were cited in an International Search Report, enclosed herewith.

A concise explanation of the relevance of each non-English language document or other information is as follows (37 C.F.R. §1.98(a)(3)):

US 5,318,584 corresponds to JP 2702374. US 6,152,942 corresponds to JP 2001-425.

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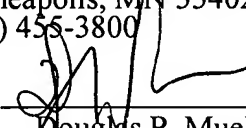
Consideration of the items listed is respectfully requested. Pursuant to the provisions of M.P.E.P. 609, it is requested that the Examiner return a copy of the attached Form 1449, marked as being considered and initialed by the Examiner, to the undersigned with the next official communication.

Please charge any additional fees or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-3478.

Respectfully submitted,

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U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS							
EXAMINER INITIAL	DOCUMENT NO.	DATE	NAME	CLASS	SUBCLASS	FILING DATE IF APPROPRIATE	
	5 318 584	7 June 1994	LANGE et al.				
	6 152 942	28 Nov. 2000	BRENNEMAN et al.				
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	JP 2702374	3 Oct. 1997	Japan			US 5,318,584	
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